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## First Gingerbread Festival serves up a tasty treat for visitors to town centre

PICTURED (above) getting a real taste for the occasion at the first Ormskirk Gingerbread Festival held in the town last Saturday (July 30) are the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney, along with Ormskirk Community Partnership members, Phil McConnell and Gordon Harrower.

Cllr. Savage officially opened the event at 10am, assisted by town crier Don Evans.

Organised by the Ormskirk Community Partnership, supported by West Lancashire Borough Council, the festival proved a tasty treat for shoppers and visitors to the town centre.

Among the attractions featured were shops and stalls decorated with a gingerbread theme, gingerbread-themed games for youngsters and a host of entertainment including singers, dancers, magicians, clowns and circus performers.

The Gingerbead Festival Day was the latest in a series of speciality market events running in Ormskirk up to Christmas and followed the success of the 'Love Your Market' event in May.

# ORMSKIRK MAN JAILED FOR PART IN DRUGS RING

**AN Ormskirk man has been jailed for 12 years for his role in a £2million drugs ring which involved stashing cocaine in fridge-freezers and tyres.**

Michael Smith, 51, from Standhouse Lane, Aughton Park, was one of nine gang members from across the North West who were sentenced to a total of 73 years at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday, July 29, following an investigation by Titan, the North West's regional organised crime unit.

The gang, led by John McMahon, 45 from the Vauxhall area of Liverpool and Phillip Dyer, 53, from Kirkdale were caught moving cocaine to West Yorkshire and ecstasy, amphetamine and cocaine to other criminals in Merseyside.

Nine of the defendants - including John Hinnigan, 53, from Kirkdale, Brian Laughlin, 33, from the Wirral, John Myles, 22, from Greater Manchester and Edward Francis McCabe, 37, Colin Rafferty, 29 and Paul Morris, 30, all from Huyton, were sentenced last week. Dean Davies from West Yorkshire was jailed in October at Bradford Crown Court.

The gang were caught after Titan officers followed McMahon to a meeting with co-conspirator Rafferty when a large bag full of drugs was exchanged which was then taken to 1st Class Tyres in Huyton.

Michael Smith

When Titan and Merseyside Police officers raided the business they found Rafferty and another gang member, Morris, stuffing large packages of drugs into the cavity between a tyre and a wheel rim. In total, 20,000 ecstasy tablets, 1kg of cocaine and 4kg of amphetamine were found at the business.

Titan officers quickly arrested McMahon, who had last been seen handing the holdall of drugs to Rafferty. They found him driving back home to Vauxhall and they seized the keys to a flat where they found one of Titan's biggest-ever drug seizures - nearly 100kg of amphetamine and M-cat worth an estimated £2 million - hidden in fridges and holdalls within the premises.

A month later a series of co-ordinated strikes in Merseyside, North Wales and West Yorkshire resulted in Dyer and his taxi driver courier Hinnigan being arrested along with three others.

Titan first started investigating the gang in July 2015 when Dyer was seen meeting McMahon in various places in Liverpool to discuss drug deals. The pair enlisted the help of Hinnigan who used his Hackney taxi to act as a drugs courier without, the gang believed, attracting the attention of the authorities.

However when courier Davies, from West Yorkshire was seen meeting with Dyer in Liverpool, the links between the suppliers in Merseyside and a crime group in West Yorkshire were identified. Davies was stopped by police after the meeting

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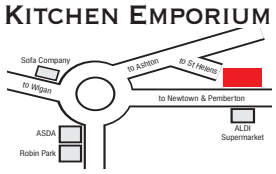


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# Consultation started on proposals to reduce housing budget by £6m

**COUNCIL tenants in West Lancashire are being consulted on a range of proposed savings of more than £6million in the housing budget over the next three years.**

The council is taking action to address a budget gap in its housing business plan caused largely, it claims, by a change in government policy resulting in rents being reduced by 1% every year until 2020.

Previously the government's framework formula stated that rents would increase by inflation plus 1% per year with the change meaning that the council faces a reduction in revenue from what it had been expecting.

To address this in the short term the council took steps including making savings in its major housing refurbishment programme and actively managing staffing levels. The authority was also allowed to raise the rents in sheltered housing by 0.9 per cent, but still faces a total budget shortfall of £7.95m in its annual housing budgets over the next three years up to 2019/2020.

Councillors have approved a number of proposals for immediate implementation which they say do not have significant service implications, and will save £825,000 in 2017/18, and a total of £3.453m in the years up to 2020.

Councillor Jenny Patterson

These include the loss of vacant posts that don't have any direct impact on service delivery and streamlining budgets within the housing service.

Councillors also agreed a package of proposals be put forward for consultation with tenants. These are:

- Removal of the mains water replacement programme as there are no maintenance requirements at the current time.
- Removal of the programme to replace fencing and paving and replacing it with cyclical repairs from the overall revenue budget.
- Revising the council's housing disabled adaptations policy to make better use of housing stock and provide for the needs of the disabled.
- Introducing a 'nominal charge' for the gardening service of £5 per week for 26 weeks per year.

This package totals £2.325m projected savings in 2017/18 and a combined £6.155m for the years up to 2019/2020.

Councillor Jenny Patterson, the council's portfolio holder for housing and landlord services, said: "We have proposed measures we believe will minimise the effect on tenants of having to bridge this budget gap. We will invite tenants to give their views on these proposals and these will be taken into account during the decision making process later this year."

Tenants can give their views on the proposals for the Housing Revenue Budget by visiting the website www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews.

Consultation began on Monday, July 25 and will end on Sunday, September 4. Tenants who don't have access to the Internet can request a printed copy of the proposals by calling 01695 585141. They can send their comments to Housing Revenue Budget Consultation, Housing and Inclusion Services, 49-51 Westgate, Skelmersdale, WN8 8LP.

Tenants who are members of Your Voice, the consultation group will be sent a survey to give their views.


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# Man detained after alleged machete attack

**POLICE have detained a man under the mental health act after reports he tried to attack another male with a machete in Ormskirk.**

**The incident, which took place on Ruff Lane near to Edge Hill University and Ormskirk Hospital, occurred shortly before 8am on Tuesday morning (August 2).**

**Police closed off part of the lane between the rear entrance to the hospital car park and Milton Drive as they attempted to subdue the man.**

**A 44-year-old man from Ormskirk was detained by officers under the Mental Health Act and is currently in a secure unit.**

**A spokesperson for Lancashire Police said: "We were called around 8am on August 2 following an incident in Ruff Lane, Ormskirk. Officers attended after reports a man had attempted to attack another male with a machete.**

**"No injuries were reported and enquiries are continuing. Anyone with information can contact police on 101."**

# National award for council CCTV ops

WEST Lancs Council's CCTV operations have earned a national award.

The council has successfully achieved the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's code of practice certification.

Obtaining the full five-year certification demonstrates the council's compliance with the Surveillance Code of Practice and proves good practice.

Certification also provides reassurance that the council's public open-space CCTV scheme is managed appropriately and that information gathered is used appropriately and in accordance with Surveillance Code of Practice guidelines.

# Company MD tackles Brussels to London challenge for charity

by Danielle Thompson

**THE boss of the West Lancs branch of a national packaging, recycling, paper and plastics company is joining four colleagues to cycle, kayak and run a total of 270 miles from Brussels to London to raise money for charity.**

The five senior managers from DS Smith Packaging Ltd, including 46-year-old David Richardson who is based at the company's site in Red Cat Lane, Burscough, will take part in the week-long challenge starting on Monday, August 8 to raise funds for Heart Research UK and Cancer Research UK.

Starting at the company's European head office in Belgium, the friends will cycle from Roeselare to Boulogne, kayak across the English Channel and complete the challenge with a 104-mile run from Dover to the company's British head office in London.

This latest charity challenge follows on from the successful Scotland to Cornwall cycle ride in 2013 which saw staff from the business raise £100,000 for the same two charities.

Dad-of-one David, managing director at DS Smith's Burscough site, said: "We have all been training really hard in preparation for this challenge and are looking forward to getting stuck in. I'm sure it is going to be a really tough week but it is all in aid of two worthy causes which will encourage us to pedal, paddle and run on!"

David Richardson (2nd left) and three of his colleagues training for the kayak leg of their charity challenge

Employees from DS Smith's 33 sites across the UK will be trying to match the 270 miles being covered by the participants in the challenge by taking as many steps as they can during the seven days, with the winning site receiving the Healthy Hearts Cup.

It is expected that 20,000 steps a day will be taken by participants during the course of the challenge.

Leah Mitchell, local fundraising manager at Cancer Research UK, added: "We're delighted that DS Smith is supporting us and would like to thank everyone who is taking part. We receive no government funding for our ground-breaking research, so money raised by supporters, like DS Smith, is crucial."

# Jailed for part in £2m drugs ring

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with Dyer and was found with 1kg of high-purity cocaine in his car.

Further investigation identified Michael Smith from Ormskirk had met with Davies the day before and had been involved in arranging the supply of the cocaine with Dyer.

The loss of the drugs prompted a suspect from Yorkshire to travel to Liverpool to meet Dyer in August. McMahon, Dyer and Hinnigan passed cocaine to another courier, Laughlin. But this was intercepted and Laughlin was arrested.

Within an hour of Laughlin's arrest, Hinnigan and Dyer supplied a similar packet of cocaine to Myles who came to Liverpool from his home in Greater Manchester. The transaction took place near the city centre but police followed Myles and a female associate along the M62 and arrested them in Cheshire.

Myles tried to run away, leaving his girlfriend and the drugs in the car, but patrols caught him hiding in undergrowth nearby.

Head of Titan, Detective Chief Superintendent Chris Green said: "This case shows what we can achieve by working with local police forces to share intelligence, resources and expertise.

"These prison sentences should serve as a warning to others involved in, or thinking about becoming involved in serious organised crime. There is no hiding place, we will catch you and you will go to prison for a long time."

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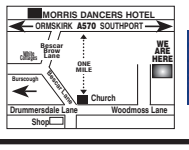



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# Skem student wins first prize at West Lancs Open Exhibition

**THE winners in this year's prestigious West Lancashire Open Exhibition, which brought together a vibrant collection of works by accomplished artists from across the UK at the Chapel Gallery, have been announced.**

The superb annual exhibition was unveiled to the public on Saturday, July 16 and will be open at the West Lancs Council-run gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk until Wednesday, September 7.

It's a celebration of colour, technique and imagination and gives visitors the chance to see a variety of inspiring works created by talented individuals in a wide range of media.

All the works were judged by guest selectors including Jane Fairhurst and Arthur Roberts, who are both established artists and curators. Together the selection panel has chosen more than 200 artworks for exhibition in the light and open space of the Chapel Gallery.

Several works of art received commendations, while there were prizes for the best three entries, plus a prize for the best entry by a student.

First prize of £800 went to Andrew Robinson from Skelmersdale with his entry Bruckmeir in oil on canvas.

Second prize (£400) was won by Mike Hatjoullis from Liverpool with his lino cut entry, Blackpool, and third prize and £200 went to David Finnegan from Southport with Diamonds in bone china with a stoneware base.

The student prize of £150 was won by Elizabeth Munro from West Lancashire College for her Jekyll & Hyde in mixed media.

Overall winner Andrew has just graduated with a BA and has been awarded a place to study an MA in fine arts at Edinburgh University.

He said: "I am delighted to have been awarded first prize in this prestigious competition as there are some fantastic artworks in the exhibition."

**Andrew Robinson shows his winning artwork to the Mayor of West Lancashire Councillor Liz Savage. Photo: Gary Sargent, 127 Media Ltd**

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Congratulations to Andrew on winning first prize and good luck to him for his future career. This is a challenging time for the arts so the fact that this exhibition continues to develop from strength to strength is testament to the passion and commitment of the artists exhibited."

The Open is one of the gallery's most popular exhibitions, with something for everyone to enjoy and an excellent opportunity for would-be art collectors. Artworks range from small-scale watercolours, prints and photography to large scale contemporary oil paintings, 3D works and textiles and can be purchased at reasonable prices.

Visitors can also place their votes for the People's Prize winner and be in with a chance to win a fantastic prize themselves.

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# A year on and still end in sight to probe into hospital trust bosses

**A YEAR has now passed since four bosses at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust were suspended from their roles pending an investigation into whistle-blowing allegations - and still there is no definitive timeline for when an announcement on their futures will be made.**

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Chief executive Jonathan Parry, chief operating officer Sheilah Finnegan, human resources director Sharon Partington and deputy director of performance Richard McCarthy were all suspended last August following the allegations.

Initially it had been hoped that the investigation, which has now been passed between internal and external watchdogs at the trust, would be finished by April this year.

Jonathan Parry

### Suspensions

However, four months on no decision has yet been taken as to whether or not the four will be reinstated.

In April there were suggestions that the investigation was finally coming to a close but those hopes turned out to be some way off the mark.

To date it is understood that it has cost the trust nearly £1 million in wages for the suspended bosses and their temporary replacements.

Local campaigners Councillors Tony Dawson and Lynne Thompson reacted angrily this week to news that the investigation continues.

They said: "While the NHS was being used dishonestly as a political shuttlecock during the recent Euro referendum, the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust continues to have a huge deficit and problems maintaining quality services across the range.

"We have had record queues of ambulances at our A&E department, issues of excess deaths reported in one area and severe doubts about our ability to retain the contract to provide local district nursing. Our local hospital is in dire straits and we need clear and consistent leadership of the trust now.

"Heaven knows how much we are diverting from our precious NHS budget into supporting two sets of four peoples' salaries while one set of managers sits at home doing nothing. This is made worse by having to pay to run three separate sets of disciplinary inquiries lasting almost a whole year."

Sue Musson, chair of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: " The exclusions followed an independent, external investigation into three separate whistle-blowing complaints received by the trust.

### Disciplinary

"A disciplinary investigation was then commissioned under the trust's disciplinary policy. That investigation is being carried out by another external organisation and is drawing to a conclusion. Once the investigators have reported, the trust will review the appropriate next steps.

"Exclusion from work is not a disciplinary sanction but is a neutral act while matters are investigated. No aspect of the whistle-blowing complaints or investigation relates to patient care or safety."

*What do you think of the suspensions? Do you think the trust have done the right thing by allowing the investigation to continue for over a year? Tell us your views by writing to the editor at Champion Newspapers, Clare House, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 0QA*

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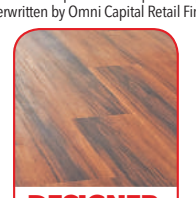

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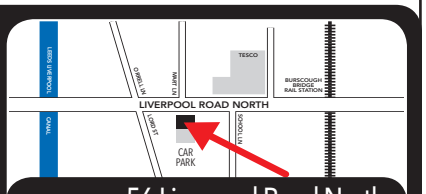


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# Technical hitch blocks tenants taking up council flood insurance

Report by **Henry James**

**ROSIE Cooper has revealed that a technical problem with the borough council's computer system has prevented council tenants from applying for a tenancy insurance policy to protect their home contents against flooding.**

And following the MP's intervention on behalf of a constituent the council are now seeking alternative arrangements.

When trying to make a policy application the tenant was informed by the council that no more applications were being accepted until after September due to problems with the online application form. Tenants were not allowed to complete a paper copy as they are not being processed manually.

After writing to the council to raise these concerns, the MP received a reply acknowledging the IT problems and confirming that they expect to start accepting new tenants on to the scheme in the next couple of weeks.

Rosie Cooper said: "It's not surprising that tenants are looking to sign up for the council tenancy insurance policy when people see homes in Skelmersdale being flooded in June and the devastation of the 2015 Boxing Day floods.

Rosie Cooper MP

"I don't believe tenants should be punished by waiting until the end of September to take out this policy as they were initially told - it's not the tenants who caused the IT system problems.

"Given the uncertainty of when flooding will hit homes next, people just want to feel safe and know they have some protection if they are affected by the devastating effects of flooding.

"I welcome the borough council taking steps to put alternative arrangements in place and trust they will do so with the greatest urgency."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council responded: "Due to problems with a computer system the council is currently unable to accept any new applications to its contents scheme.

"Existing policy holders are not affected by these technical issues, it only affects potential new tenants who wish to take advantage of the scheme.

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"We are working on resolving these issues and hope to be able to start accepting new tenants into the scheme in the next couple of weeks.

"Tenants have been advised that if they need immediate contents insurance cover they should make enquiries with alternative providers. There are many insurance packages available to tenants that they can access by contacting other brokers and insurance companies.

"The council is responsible for keeping its housing stock in good order, and ensuring that repairs and maintenance are kept up to date. Consequently tenants do not need to have buildings insurance in place but are responsible for insuring their home contents."

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# Nursery not affected by proposal to close Moorgate centre

**LANCASHIRE County Council has moved to reassure parents and prospective parents that Moorgate Nursery School will not be affected by the proposed closure of Moorgate Children's Centre in Ormskirk.**

A spokesperson for the authority said: "The county council has proposed that services currently delivered from Moorgate Children's Centre would relocate to Ormskirk library. The proposal does not affect Moorgate Nursery School, which will remain open as usual.

"The proposal is part of a wider plan to make significant savings by reducing the number of buildings the county council owns and rents.

"No decisions have yet been taken and we are currently asking people what they think about these proposals in a consultation which runs until mid-August."

Moorgate Nursery School and Children's Centre

County Councillor Nikki Hennessy, Lancashire's lead member for schools, said: "Moorgate Nursery is an important part of the local community and I have met with the head teacher, the chair of governors and the management team to help support it.

"I am happy to help clear up any confusion and reassure parents, family and friends that the nursery is very much open for business."

The consultation relating to the property review remains open until Sunday, August 14. To have your say, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and look up 'changes to our buildings.'


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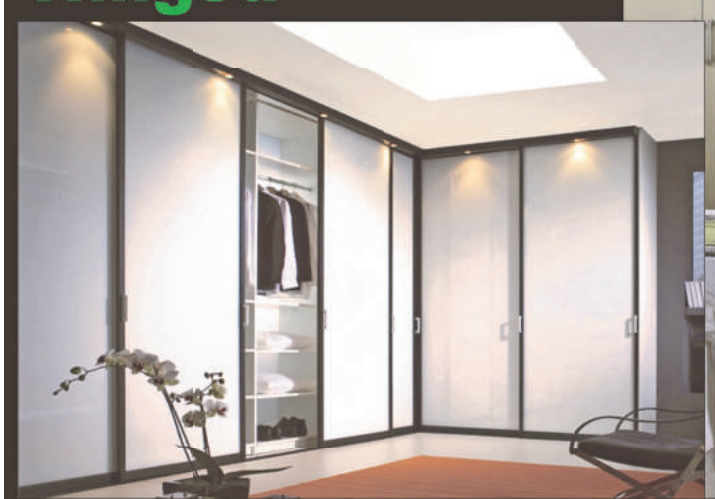

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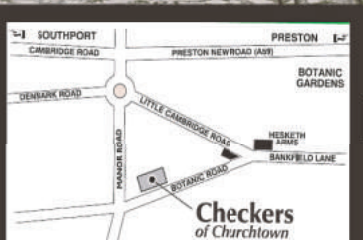


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# Chance to play key role in MotorFest

## Organisers seek volunteer marshals to help ensure smooth running of popular event

**THE annual Ormskirk MotorFest returns to the town on Sunday, August 28 and organisers are looking for volunteer marshals to join in the fun and make this popular event go smoothly.**

Thousands are expected to enjoy the motoring extravaganza, one of the North West's biggest free family events, and more than 300 classic and competition vehicles from all eras of motoring will be on display in Coronation Park and town-centre streets.

Volunteer marshals are wanted to help, particularly with the parade laps due to take place in the afternoon. Some can assist in the morning, or they can stay all day to help out.

The Ormskirk MotorFest is organised by Aintree Circuit Club supported by West Lancs Council.

Councillor John Hodson, the authority's portfolio holder for planning, said: "Volunteer marshals play a key role in making the Ormskirk MotorFest memorable for everyone, and also have a lot of fun at the event."

And Mike Ashcroft, Aintree Circuit Club chairman, added: "Volunteering to be a marshal is a great way to become involved in the MotorFest. So please sign up as soon as you can to become part of the team making this fantastic event a reality."

Packed crowds at last year's Motorfest. Volunteers marshals are needed to help the smooth running of this year's event

Marshals will be needed from 7.30am to help ensure vehicles safely arrive at their allocated display positions and will be expected to attend a briefing on this before the day of MotorFest.

Once all the vehicles are in place, by 10am, there is a break period before the parades in the afternoon. Marshals will then be on duty to assist vehicles to get out on to the parade route and to be positioned at locations around the course to ensure the cavalcade goes smoothly.

For the parades, marshals will need to report to the marshals' centre by 12.30pm to register and attend a briefing before going out on post for 2pm. All the volunteer marshals will receive a refreshment voucher.

To volunteer to be a marshal visit www.ormskirkmotorfest.com/marshals-registration/ by August 20.

Marshals attending for the full day receive £25 expenses, those available for the morning receive £15. The change-over point is 12.30pm.

Councillor Hodson added: "With many thousands of visitors expected to come to Ormskirk for the MotorFest, we hope that town-centre businesses will take advantage of this great opportunity and open up on the day."


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# Martin Mere news

**Each year WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre take on two reserve placement students for one year who are studying conservation degrees, and they also undertake a project.**

Amy Sherwin is one of these students and she has undertaken a project to set up regular bat surveys on the reserve. In the UK there are 17 different species of bat, all of which are vulnerable making it vital to monitor their activity to ensure their conservation. Bats are extremely difficult to survey due to their nocturnal activity therefore, detectors are required to detect the echolocation calls that bats produce in order to catch their prey. Historically, surveys done on the reserve have used heterodyne detectors, but these require experience in order to interpret the sounds being produced. The reserves newest bat detector gives us both visual and sound analysis of the bats echolocation calls, and even has to ability to automatically identify bat species making it much easier to carry out a basic survey.

Amy said: "I am currently carrying out regular field surveys in order to investigate where bat species are present on the reserve. Field surveys require walking a transect across the reserve and stopping at 12 specific locations while using the detector to search for bat activity. The bat detector also produces a map at the end of the survey, which can be used to see what species are using particular habitat areas of the reserve. We have identified the presence of five different bat species currently using the site including; Soprano Pipistrelle, Common pipistrelle, Noclule, Daubentons and Brown Long eared Bats. This information along with the maps produced should give us a good idea of any specific management that might be required."

Every Friday night in August, Martin Mere is giving people the opportunity to come on a Bat and Barn Owl BBQ. It's a 7pm start, till late, searching for bats and barn owls on the reserve after having a bite to eat. The event is £17 per person and you must book in advance by calling 01704 895181.

WWT Martin Mere is open every day from 9.30am to 6pm and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight centres.

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# Keep our streets clean this summer

## Council's 'pick it up or pick up a fine' warning on litter as holiday season gets underway

**DON'T be a litter lout this summer - or you could be facing a fine!**

That's the message from West Lancs Council as the holiday season gets underway in earnest.

The authority says that litter problems increase during the summer when people spend more time outdoors. And while most people don't drop litter, a small minority do, causing an eyesore for everyone - as well as committing an offence.

Many roadside verges are littered with fast food cartons, bottles and other rubbish irresponsibly thrown from cars and vans. And pavements and parks fall foul to plastic bottles, drink cartons, sweet wrappers, burger bags, cigarette stubs and other litter.

Councillor Kevin Wilkie, the council's portfolio holder for street scene, said: "At this time of year we find even more litter than usual on roadsides and pavements. So now the holidays are underway we are asking people to make sure they don't drop litter. Let's all enjoy the summer and take responsibility for our litter."

And Councillor Kevin Wright, portfolio holder for health, added: "We can all help by using the litter or recycling bins, or taking our rubbish home. The council's enforcement officers make regular patrols and can issue £75 fixed penalty notices to offenders who drop litter or throw it from cars. Offenders could also face court action."

Councillor Kevin Wilkie

Councillor Kevin Wright

Improving the cleanliness of the environment is a priority for the council and litter/dog waste bins are provided plus special on-street recycling bins in town centres.

The amount of waste collected from the bins and picked up from the streets and public places adds up to around 70 tonnes each week – or about seven bin-wagon loads.

Around £1million each year is spent by the council on keeping the borough's streets and pavements clean.

Environmental enforcement officers carry out uniformed patrols and issue fixed penalty notices to offenders.

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## Scheme offers chance to boost mobile coverage

ROSIE Cooper is encouraging community groups to apply for a free indoor mobile coverage scheme.

The West Lancs MP is urging rural community hubs, such as pubs, village halls and community venues, to apply to Vodafone's Community Indoor Sure Signal (CISS) programme, aimed at providing a service to communities where the signal is not very strong, with up to 100 venues able to benefit.

Ms Cooper said: "Mobile technology plays an ever greater part in our day-to-day lives. As coverage can still be limited in rural areas this new scheme is one way for community venues to improve access to the mobile network for residents. "

To access the service a venue will need to have an unlimited broadband package with download speeds of 4Mbps and upload speeds of 2Mbps and a domestic plug-in power point. For more information visit blog.vodafone.co.uk.

# Police commissioner urges Home Secretary to tackle sex abuse

## Call for more resources as county's sexual offences figures rise

Report by **Henry James**

**LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has written to new Home Secretary Amber Rudd, urging her to tackle child sex abuse as new figures reveal a huge increase in sex crimes reported across the country.**

It comes as Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures revealed sex crimes have risen by 21% nationwide and by 33% in Lancashire in the last year.

In numbers this means there were 2,656 sexual offences recorded in Lancashire and 106,378 across England and Wales between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

A similar rise in sex offences against children is shown in the official data, with a significant number of those crimes taking place wholly or partly online.

Clive Grunshaw said: "What I know is that mobile technology such as smart phones, social media and online gaming are responsible for many of the crimes reported against children. The government current efforts in this area are falling woefully short. Cuts to police forces, schools, victim services and social services up and down the country are not helping us tackle this major issue.

"I want to see the Home Office say enough is enough to cutting public services that work to protect children. The government needs to ensure there are more resources to help keep young people safe and, just as important, to ensure our services for victims of crime are protected for the future."

Mr Grunshaw recently launched specialist support services for children who are victims of sexual abuse and has already seen a steady flow of young people seek help to cope with the impact of their abuse.

He said: "What we've learned too is that those who are abused are more likely to become abusers in the future without the right support so we need to act now to prevent this from happening."

A total of £1m has also been invested in the Lancashire force to help investigate non-recent cases, which make up a significant proportion of sexual offences against under-16s reported to Lancashire Police.

Overall crime in Lancashire has risen by 4.9% on the previous year, nationally the increase is 8.7%. These figures do not include fraud, which is recorded nationally. The overall rise in police recorded crime for England and Wales including fraud is 8.1%.


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# Campaigner hails council fracking motion

## ...but Tories dismiss it as 'pointless'

by **Danielle Thompson**

**Councillor Maureen Mills (centre) with anti-fracking campaigners in Halsall**

**'A GOOD starting point'.**

That was anti-fracking campaigner Councillor Maureen Mills' verdict on West Lancs Council's decision to grant her motion calling on the authority to help protect the borough from potentially being subjected to the controversial oil and gas extraction process.

However, Conservative councillors described the motion as "pointless."

Cllr. Mills, a member of the Halsall Against Fracking group, called for the council to oppose the controversial process – as well as underground coal gasification and coal bed methane extraction – until they have been proven to be safe both in the short and long term.

The motion also urged the council to call on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the other Liverpool City Region local authorities to pass a similar motion.

Neighbouring Sefton Council recently passed a similar motion.

Cllr. Mills said: "I firmly believe the motions passed by Sefton MBC and West Lancashire BC are a starting point at a place in time when vast areas of both boroughs within the PEDL licence area are undergoing a seismic survey for Aurora Energy Resources.

"The motion's conditions relating to safety, regulation and the short and long-term impacts of this industry are very clear and this can only be extremely positive for residents in the survey area and beyond who are contacting us because they are extremely anxious now that they are seeing the survey workers in the fields and on our roads."

Conservative councillors who were present at the meeting refrained from the debate on the motion and abstained from voting.

Councillor Eddie Pope, Conservative spokesman on planning, said: "Following advice from the borough solicitor, the Conservative group had genuine concerns over the wording of the motion and the very real possibility of it compromising councillors' positions in relation to future fracking applications.

"Our members took the sensible decision to refrain from the debate on the motion and abstained.

"The motion was completely pointless and an example of the worst kind of political posturing. It was certainly not in the interests of the residents of West Lancashire."


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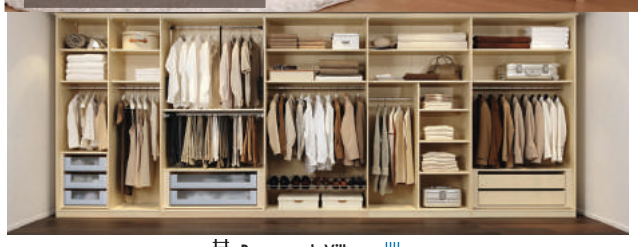

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# Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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## Why are they dismantling the heart of our village?

WHAT is it about Westhead at the moment? Firstly we see the closure of the Halton Castle public house, formerly a popular meeting place for people both within and outside the village.

Another social amenity, the bowling green attached to the pub, will close at the end of the current season.

Now we hear that the village hall is to be sold-off. It certainly seems as if the heart of the community is being gradually dismantled.

The village hall has long been a focal point for residents and has been used by a variety groups such as Beavers, gardening club, craft club, martial arts and children's playgroup.

Additionally it has been used for village fundraisers such as The Carnival Association Christmas Fair and plant sales for the Scout group,as well as being hired out for children's birthday parties.

The knock-on effect of the closure is clear for all to see.

How can community spirit and social cohesion be engendered when there are no facilities for residents to meet together?

So what will be next to go one wonders? Will Westhead Carnival survive?

The future looks bleak if Westhead simply becomes a main road between Ormskirk and Skelmersdale with just a few houses on either side.

Someone, somewhere has a lot to answer for!

**Steve and Pam Walker, Westhead residents**

## Action needed to improve road safety on Long Lane

**ROAD safety on Long Lane in Aughton as long been a safety issue and is not helped by two main reasons.**

**One is congestion through Ormskirk resulting in motorists using Long Lane to avoid the town centre during peak periods.**

**The second is that motorists from outside the district are now using Aughton Park railway station to travel into Liverpool and parking their cars on the road opposite the station. This is causing further safety issues with parked cars in this narrow road.**

**This problem has been raised several times resulting in the council promising action, that has never materialised.**

**It is inevitable that if this situation is not improved it will result is a serious accident.**

**I have forwarded my comments to West Lancs Council, and the parish council hoping for action to improve this serious situation.**

David Burtchaell, Long Lane, Aughton

## Let's hope new cycle route users don't want to wheel their bikes in Concourse!

I WAS stopped on Wednesday, July 27 while wheeling my bike through the Concourse shopping centre and told this was now banned.

Deciding to write to the Champion I see Bill Sealey's letter (Letters, July 27) is my letter almost word for word.

I also read in the paper the proposal for the new £500,000 cycle route which has the town centre as a draw to help the town's economy. I just hope the cyclists don't want to wheel their bikes into the Concourse or use the useless bike stands.

**Mr Angry, by email (name & address supplied)**

## Thanks to my hospital car park 'Good Samaritan'

I WOULD just like, if I may, to say a few words of thanks through the Champion letters page to someone who helped me recently. It may not seem like much but it meant a lot.

I just wanted to say a huge thank-you again to a very kind lady and her son who I had to ask for a contribution towards my parking ticket at Ormskirk Hospital on Thursday, July 28.

I never carry much cash on me as I assumed I could use my debit card. But unfortunately I had already put the parking ticket in the machine before I realised the card payment machine wasn't in use and there was no obvious button to press to reject the ticket.

I had my young son with me and was in such a flap and felt terrible asking the lady if she could give me the extra money that I needed but she did so without even hesitating and I am very, very grateful.

I would also like to apologise to those others in the queue waiting as I am aware that this might have taken them over the 'free 20 minutes.'

Sorry and thanks for your patience everyone.

**Beccy Tomlinson, by email**

## PICTURE of the week

**Juggling duo Reece and Nathan bring some circus skills street entertainment to Gingerbread Festival visitors last Saturday**

## Drop us a line

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## Stay 'swim safe' this summer

I AM writing to request your readers' help in raising awareness of water safety during the school summer holidays and the warmer weather.

The Mineral Products Association (MPA) is supporting the water safety campaigns being run by other organisations such as the RNLI, RLSS and the Fire and Rescue Services. Collectively, we do not want to discourage members of the public from enjoying the water but would like people to be aware of the risks and choose to swim in areas that are safe.

On average, there are circa 400 accidental drownings each year spread across the UK. Many of these tragic deaths are in open water such as quarry lakes, reservoirs, rivers and canals. All too often, these tragedies occur when people are enjoying a leisure activity or are engaged in what they perceive as harmless fun. The tragic death recently of a 19-year- old boy, who drowned whilst swimming with friends in a former quarry lake, is a tragic reminder of the importance of these messages.

Man-made quarry lakes or reservoirs can be particularly unsuitable for swimmers and paddlers. Often they can be extremely deep, have sudden changes in water depth, be difficult to exit and conceal a range of hazards such as pumps, entangling weeds, rocks and old machinery.

Significantly, the water in quarry lakes and reservoirs can be extremely cold even on a hot summer's day. At 15C and below, the body can experience cold water shock when immersed in water, this results in a sudden, involuntary inhalation of water into the lungs which can be deadly. The cold water can also cause even strong swimmers to tire quickly, become breathless and potentially disorientated.

With more than 800 active and thousands of former quarries spread across the UK, it is likely that many readers will live within a few miles of one. A large number of these sites will have lakes or similar water-filled voids.

Remember that warning signs and fences are there to help protect you and your family.

**Elizabeth Clements, Mineral Products Association**

## What about negative effect of Downing Street duo's deeds?

**COUNCILLOR David Westley, leader of the Conservative group on West Lancs Borough Council, berates the Labour administration for having achieved nothing - as he sees it - but fails to mention the dramatic negative effect of the deeds of his erstwhile lords and masters, the Old Etonian Rich Boys at No.10 and No.11.**

B. Fair, by email (name & address supplied)

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# Glowing report for county's schools

**THE performance of Lancashire schools is among the best in the UK, according to a recent report.**

Lancashire County Council's end-of-year inspection summary shows that the majority of children in the county attend a primary or a secondary school judged to be good or outstanding by Ofsted.

The percentage of primary schools rated as good or outstanding is nearly 96%. The latest national average is 95%.

Secondary schools in the county are also performing well with more than 78% rated as good or outstanding, above the latest national average of 77%.

Lancashire's performance is also better than the regional averages of 92% and 72% respectively.

The report also includes an assessment of leadership and management of each school, carried out by the authority, demonstrating that nearly 96% of primary schools and more than 83% of secondary schools are performing to really high standards with the capacity to improve even more.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'm really proud of these results. They clearly show that our primary and secondary schools are doing well, outperforming the national average and this is definitely something worth celebrating.

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"The results have also improved slightly on last year. They are a testament to our school staff, governors, parents and, of course, the children themselves.

"It's great that the overall performance of schools in Lancashire is up there with the best in the country but we certainly won't rest on our laurels and will strive to improve our performance even further."

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

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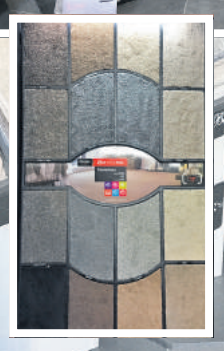

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# Young gardeners sow the seeds of success

**GREEN-fingered young gardeners from across West Lancs celebrated their achievements at the Show What You Grow festival of school gardening.**

A total of 65 pupils from 10 schools in the borough exhibited school-grown produce, home-made scarecrows and displays of drawings, paintings and photos of their gardening work at the recent event at West Lancashire College in Ormskirk.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage opened the day and the children enthusiastically took part in activities such as making a veggie creature, an allotment quiz and filling out a Grow Your Own activity book.

After lunch, the children took to the stage to give presentations about their gardening clubs and the day ended with a prizegiving.

The event was organised by the Community Food Growing Project of West Lancs CVS in conjunction with West Lancs Allotment Federation and West Lancashire College, and funded by Upholland Tawd Vale Lions.

The Community Food Growing Project is funded by Lancashire County Council as part of the Active West Lancs programme.

Chrissy Quirk, school secretary at Newburgh CE Primary School, said: "The children created a wonderful display to showcase our gardening activities and they also gave a short presentation about the fun activities they had been doing at school. They had a fantastic day and won the overall award for the best display.

" They also enjoyed meeting other schoolchildren and sharing ideas with one another about how to make the best of our garden and allotment areas."

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage with pupils at the Show What You Grow 2016 festival

Pupils from Newburgh CE Primary who won the overall award for best display

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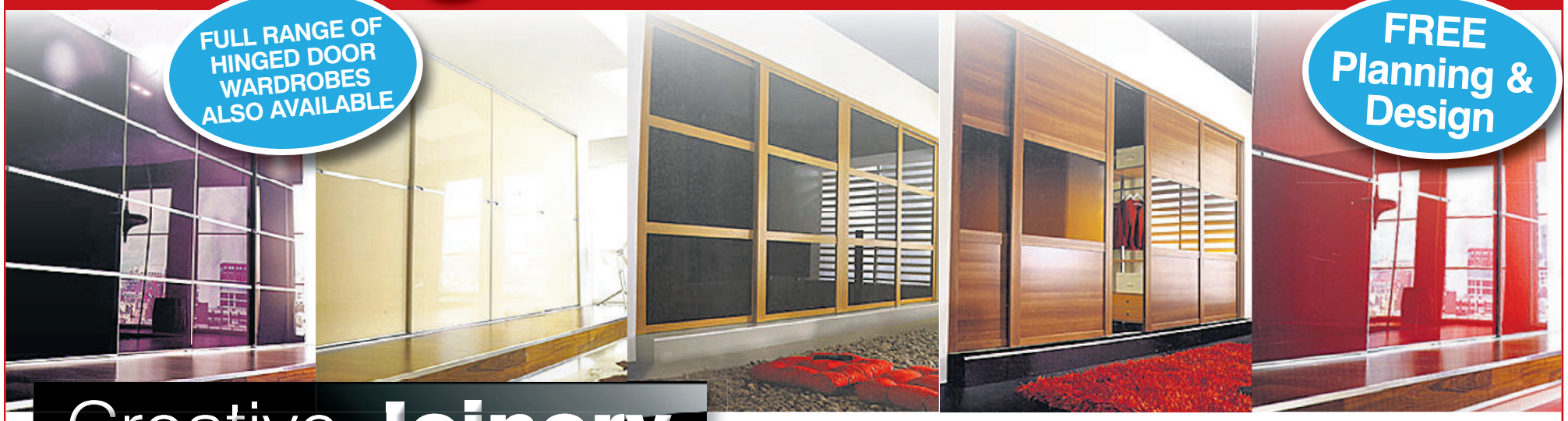


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# Care home residents welcome unusual new 'neighbours'

*RESIDENTS of Abbey Wood Lodge care home in Ormskirk have welcomed some unusual new neighbours, including elephants, rhinos, hippos, gorillas and ostriches!*

*But there's no danger of the newcomers disturbing the peace in the area - they are all life-sized metal sculptures residing at the newly-opened Pangea Sculptures across the way in County Road.*

*The new showroom was officially opened by Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage, and managing director Ian Unsworth invited residents of the home to join them for the occasion.*

*Set up two years ago when Ian visited Africa and bought some sculptures for his home, the business made the news last year when thieves broke into a shipping container on their original site on the Burscough industrial estate and stole 100 two-foot high mini giraffe sculptures.*

**Abbey Wood Lodge residents and staff with one of the Pangea sculptures.**

*And the owners of Abbey Wood Lodge were so impressed with their new neighbours they invested in sculptures of their own including an elephant, ostrich and two gorillas, which are now sited at the front of the home.*

*Lesley Malone, events organiser at the home said: "Our residents enjoy having our new neighbours across the road and now we have our own animals which they can show to their families and friends. A couple have commented that it's just like having our own safari park!"*

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# County's roads are getting better says highways chief

**COUNTY council highways chiefs claim that a long-term plan brought in to improve the state of Lancashire's roads has led to marked improvements, despite major damage caused by flooding during the winter.**

New figures released by the authority show that the percentage of the highways network needing maintenance has fallen by 35% over the last two years, with the condition of the roads improving across all 12 of Lancashire's districts.

It follows the introduction of Lancashire County Council's Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP). The 15-year plan focuses on improving ageing infrastructure with a reduced budget.

A video survey of the highways network carried out over the last 12 months provided forward, backward, footpath and carriageway facing images at 50cm intervals across all of Lancashire's highways.

County Councillor John Fillis, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "The results are very encouraging with evidence that we've made marked improvements over the last two years. People may not always notice or perceive that there has been an improvement in the roads. Last winter was particularly tough on the network but these results show that our more targeted approach is paying dividends in improving the overall state of our highways."

The TAMP prioritises revamping particular parts of the network during each of three phases, which will result in everything being improved, and maintenance backlogs slashed, by 2029/30.

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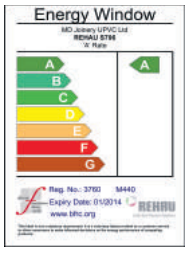


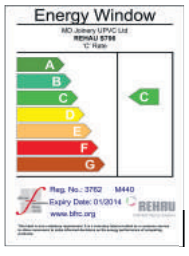


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# Council Plan on course to deliver says leader

**WEST Lancs Council chiefs say the authority is making good headway in achieving the aims of its Council Plan.**

The three main priorities detailed in the plan, adopted last October, are the economy, the environment and the borough's health and wellbeing.

Councillor Ian Moran, council leader and portfolio holder for transformation and economic regeneration, said: "It is a privilege to lead this council to deliver our ambitions for West Lancashire. But, of course, progress and development in West Lancashire is not all down to the council and we work closely with our partners, agencies, other organisations and volunteers to make a difference for all."

On the economy the council say the aim is retain and grow the number of local jobs, increase skills levels and encourage business and growth.

Projects they are working on towards that aim include the Skelmersdale Town Centre Regeneration Scheme which they believe took a step forward in 2015 with the approval of the planning application by St Modwen.

The scheme, a joint project with St Modwen and the Homes and Communities Agency, proposes to create a new high street link between West Lancashire College and the existing town centre, a multi-screen cinema, restaurants, bars and retail facilities and is expected to bring in excess of 500 new jobs. And although it is currently subject to a legal challenge, the council has reiterated its commitment to the scheme.

Meanwhile the council has also adopted the Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy with the aim of promoting "vibrant and successful future" for the town.

A Town Centre Management Group, made up of the council, Ormskirk Community Partnership, representatives of the business community, Edge Hill University and Edge Hill Students Union, has been created to oversee the project.

With regards to the environment, the council has worked with Lancashire County Council to complete the Moor Street improvement scheme, and with community regeneration specialist Keepmoat the building of 42 new homes on the Firbeck estate in Skemersdale commenced.

The council has also worked with community safety partners on initiatives such as the Mischief Night/Bonfire Night programme "to help ensure our borough remains a safe place to live work and visit".

The council has said the success of community safety initiatives is highlighted by Citizens' Survey findings which show that 79% of residents feel safe and secure within West Lancashire.

And the authority has also highlighted "significant steps" which it claims will help improve the health and wellbeing of residents, including a £150,000 refurbishment of Park Pool and creating a £2.3m strategic investment reserve for work on major projects, including assisting in developing a new sports centre in Skelmersdale.


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# Poachers' ban extended to whole of county

The banned trio, James Reid, Liam Doherty and Neil Walsh

**THREE men from Sefton who were banned from entering parts of West Lancashire after being caught using dogs to hunt hares have now been punished further after they violated the police order.**

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Liam Doherty, 26, from Crosby and James Reid, 31 and Neil Walsh, 29, both from Bootle, have now been told they can't enter the entire county of Lancashire after they breached their Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

As reported in the Champion, the trio were spotted in January this year using dogs to poach hares on farmland in the Leverhulme Estate.

As a result, they were given the 18-month banning order at Ormskirk Magistrates Court under the Hunting Act 2004, which restricted them from entering a 36,000-acre area of Downholland and Halsall.

However, the following month, all three were found on land in Burscough, outside their prohibited area, but were summonsed for daytime poaching offences.

In April, Walsh was found in Altcar with his dog in the prohibited area.

In June, Walsh pleaded guilty to both offences and Reid and Doherty pleaded guilty to their poaching offence.

Lancashire Police applied for an extension of their existing Criminal Behaviour Order which Preston Magistrates court saw fit to approve.

Now Neil Walsh is banned from all of Lancashire county with any sight-hound unless travelling in a motor car on the motorway network; or being with any person with a sight-hound in Lancashire for a period of five years.

Reid and Doherty have the same conditions for period of three years.

All received significant fines in addition.

A spokesperson for Lancashire Police said: "This is the third CBO Lancashire Police have been granted and sends the strongest message to poachers and hare coursers that their barbaric behaviour will not be tolerated and we will use all the tools at our disposal."

# Breastfeeding challenge to new mums

NEW mums are being urged to take the Six Week Breastfeeding Challenge this summer.

Lancashire County Council and the county's Infant Feeding Partnership are launching the campaign for a second year to try and boost the county's breastfeeding rates, which are lower than the national average.

New mums who have already chosen to breastfeed are being asked to challenge themselves to continue for at least the first six weeks. Evidence shows that the longer a mum breastfeeds for, the greater the health benefits for both mum and baby.

A free web-based county council app will help mums track their progress through the challenge, provide answers to the most commonly asked breastfeeding questions and access to support and guidance, log feeds and nappy changes easily and read tips from other mums.

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For support mums can speak to their midwife, health visitor, peer supporter, local infant feeding team or local children's centre to find out what is going on in their area.

Katie Wharton, infant feeding co-ordinator at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "By taking the Six Week Challenge, Lancashire's mums can provide their newborn with a fantastic start in life Breast milk provides essential antibodies which keep your baby happy and healthy.

"Lancashire County Council's free web app will help mothers on their journey as it allows them to keep an eye on their little one's progress and also offers extra support features to help them complete the challenge."

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# Support available for stressed out students

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Officials at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Mindsmatter service are encouraging students in the county to get in touch if they are feeling low or need a bit of support.

Although for many exam results are a cause for celebration, for others it can be extremely hard if they haven't got the outcome they were hoping for.

The Mindsmatter service is available to offer help and support for those who may be feeling anxious or concerned about their future. The service provides a variety of talking therapies for anyone aged 16 years and over experiencing problems such as stress, depression and anxiety.

Phil Gooden, Mindsmatter service manager at the trust, said: "University can be a challenging time for many students. For some it can involve finishing university and not receiving the results they anticipated and for others it may be facing the stress of what to do next.

"Around one in four people will experience a form of mental health problem during their lifetime so

it's important that students are aware of the support available. We want to encourage any students concerned to contact their local team for advice and support."

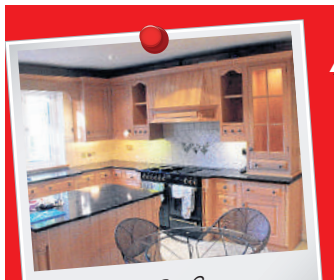
The service can be accessed via an online referral form, by post, telephone or by visiting your GP. For more information and to access the online self-referral form visit www.lancashire-care.nhs.uk/Mindsmatter or contact the West Lancs Mindsmatter service on 01695 684177.

# Quality award for sexual health service

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust's Contraception and Sexual Health Service (CaSH) has been commended for providing an inclusive service for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) communities.

More than half of LGBT people in Lancashire feel that this has an impact on the way that they are treated by health service providers. And the trusts's CaSH team is one of the recipients to have obtained the full LGBT Quality Mark.

Dr Wendy Higson, clinical lead for the service, said: "We're absolutely delighted to have received the quality mark for the service we provide to the people of Lancashire."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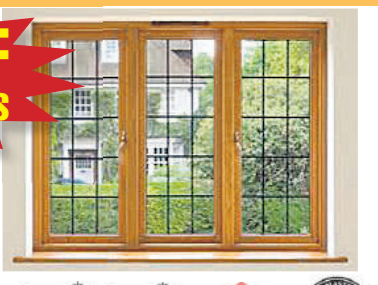

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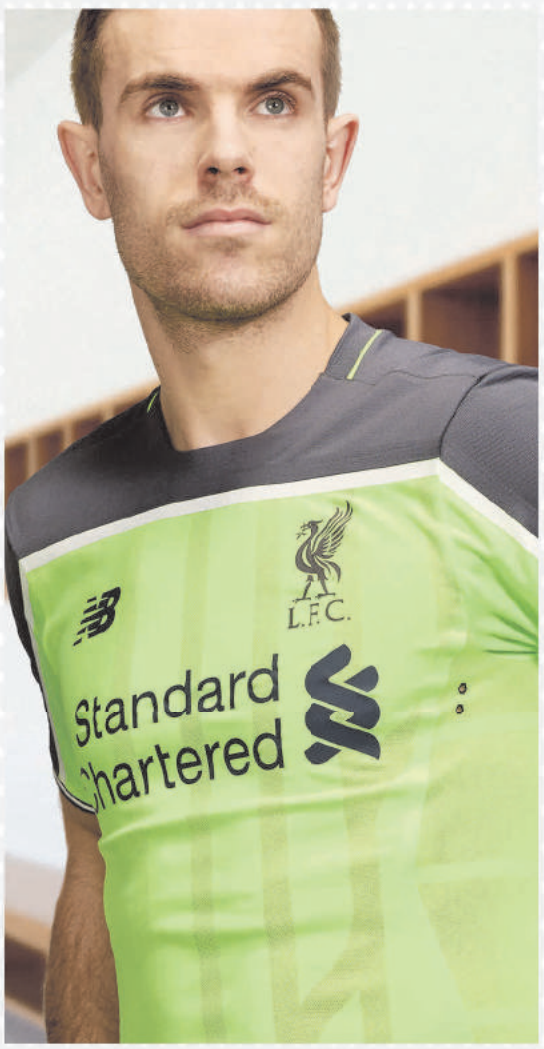

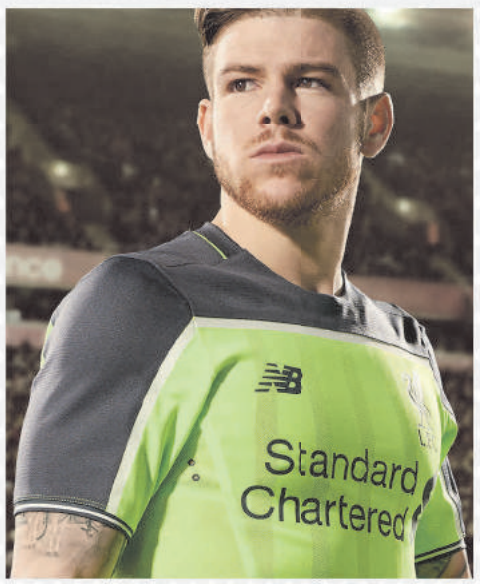

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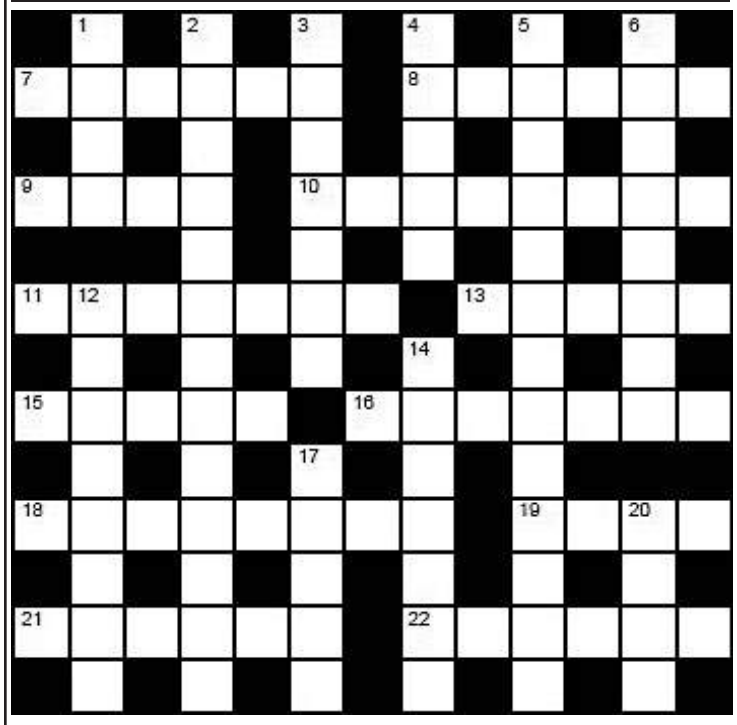

*Last week's solutions:*

*Across: 7 Covert. 8 Auntie. 9 Pill. 10 Monoxide. 11 Dentist. 13 Beget. 15 Hazel. 17 Fantasy. 20 Concrete. 21 Fair. 22 Bedeck. 23 Unclad.*

*Down: 1 Bodice. 2 Dell. 3 Itemise. 4 Banns. 5 Inexpert. 6 Kindle. 12 Trencher. 14 Careful. 16 Avocet. 18 Spiral. 19 Gecko. 21 Fact.*

**ACROSS**

7 Exceptional intelligence or talent (6)
8 Type of bomb (6)
9 Small body of still water (4)
10 An ambiguity in the law or rules (8)
11 Journal or newspaper of an organisation or institution (7)
13 Short written composition (5)
15 Projected pointed part of a fork (5)
16 Portions of time (7)
18 Person who makes or sells women's hats (8)
19 In addition, too (4)
21 Oval tropical plant seed that can be roasted and salted and eaten as a snack (6)
22 A good look at (6)

**DOWN**

1 Abbreviation of a brief written note or reminder (4)
2 Characterization of a predominantly middle-class section of British society (6,7)
3 Set apart (7)
4 Bladed instrument used for shaving (5)
5 Worldly-wise, cultured (13)
6 Term for one thousand million, now largely superseded by billion (8)
12 Distance flown by aircraft (3,5)
14 Arrange differently (7)
17 Come or bring together for a common purpose (5)
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# WiFi on buses is all well and good but I long for the old ferry steamers

RECENTLY I had occasion to travel across the water to Birkenhead and since I was being met outside Hamilton Square station, it made sense to get there via the Mersey Railway (as was).

The journey from Liverpool Central was quite uneventful and I got there in plenty of time, but apparently there was trouble on't line twixt James Street and Hamilton Square and we were informed that consequently all trains were subject to delay and/or cancellation.

Not that this actually affected my journey, but waiting for my lift I had time to observe the very much changed scene from what I remember it, not all that many years ago. And it occurred to me that just supposing whatever trouble there was with the trains got worse and I ended up back at Hamilton Square with no trains at all, I had no idea of how I would have found an alternative route back.

I know, there are plenty of cross-river buses and I know you can catch them from the bus station – which wasn't the case in my youth - but where was the said bus station?

Of course I would probably quite easily have found it and all would have been well, but as a boy this would not have been any problem at all. I could simply have followed my nose downhill to the Woodside ferry terminus and more or less simply have stepped on a boat.

Back then Woodside could very accurately have been described as a public transport interchange (had that word been invented). In one place you had a ferry service to Liverpool every few minutes, a busy bus station with buses to all points on the Wirral and out to Chester, plus a main-line railway station from which you could even get to London!

The British Rail station closed some years ago; the bus station is now no more than a small collection of shelters mainly serving just the local area; and the ferry? Well, there IS still a ferry, kind of, though it's now hourly and part of a pleasant river cruise, rather than a practical service to Liverpool.

What, I wondered, has happened to us as a people? Oh yes, we now have a second Mersey tunnel to speed private cars on their cross-river journeys, and there is a perfectly good bus service if you happen to be in the right place.

And of course there is still the (normally) very reliable Merseyrail service, but then that was always there anyway.

But what about all this 'Save the Planet' and protect the polar bears malarky? Odd, isn't it, that while more and more folk are keen to jump aboard the 'cut greenhouse gasses' bandwagon, this enthusiasm stops short of not using a car.

Interestingly, the car that met me was a hybrid (petrol and electric) and its proud owner told me it did around 65mpg. And naturally, the self-righteous folk who can afford to buy these machines totally forget the manufacturing processes that go into making the batteries, or the cost to the planet of transporting the finished green machine; or the eventual cost of disposing of said batteries when they clap out.

Anyway, enough of my high horse, back to the past. As a boy I loved those Birkenhead ferries. They were run by Birkenhead Corporation with civic pride, and best of all, as I remember them, they were genuine steamers, with long, narrow red and black funnels.

And to me, even then, they were obviously old. My favourite was 'Thurstaston' - I had no idea who or what Thurstaston might have been or was, but it certainly was a name to conjure with. Also, Thurstaston and its sister ships departed every few minutes - turn up and go!

And as I was only a lad I remember too the introduction of the first, brand-new, diesel ferry, which I thought was smashing too, little realising that ultimately it spelled doom for my beloved steamers.

But that's life I suppose. You can even get WiFi on buses and underground stations now – so that's alright then!

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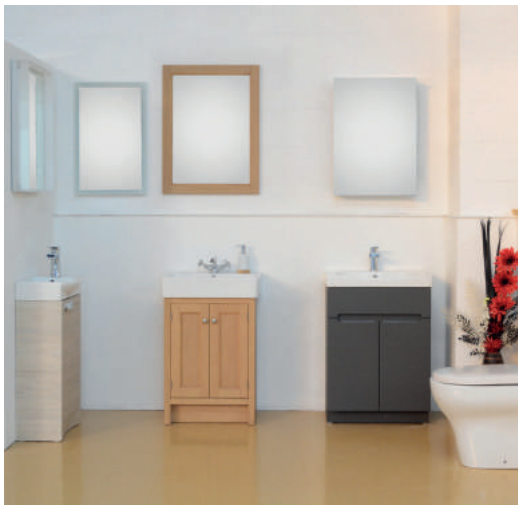

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# MP calls for end to 'confusion' over school term-time holiday fines

**ROSIE Cooper has hit out at what she called the "confusion" over the rules on term-time holiday fines, how they are applied and who is responsible for them.**

The West Lancs MP's latest outburst follows her criticism of a recent case concerning one of her constituents which saw three adults fined £60 each for taking one child on holiday in term time.

Ms Cooper described the use of fines in this way as appearing to be "nothing more than a money-making racket."

Since then she has raised her concerns directly with the local education authority, Lancashire County Council, and with education ministers in a parliamentary debate on School Penalty Fines and Authorised Absence.

However the county council have said the rules around unauthorised term-time absences are quite clear and that schools are only able to authorise absences in "exceptional circumstances."

Ms Cooper though believes there is a fundamental lack of transparency, fairness and consistency in how the fines are being applied.

She said: "There is an unbelievable amount of finger-pointing and 'it's not us guv' when it comes to fining parents for taking their children on holiday in term time.

"On several occasions, in letters, in meetings and in a parliamentary debate, I've asked who is responsible for the current rules and how they are applied. Between government ministers, local authorities and schools they each blame someone else disowning any responsibility.

"Schools are enforcing the rules set down in the education authority's code of conduct. The education authority is acting in line with government policy. Round and round we go. Never getting to the end.

"This situation is made worse by the fact that depending on which school you attend and in which education authority you are in the rules are applied differently.

"We've reached a point at which this system is in chaos.

"I'm not advocating that children should be taken out of school in term time. There just needs to be clarity on what the rules are and the consequences of breaking these rules which is done in a transparent way and applied fairly and consistently.

"The present farce needs to be brought to an end and quickly."

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, responded: "The rules around unauthorised term-time absence are quite clear. In line with government guidelines, schools are only able to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances, taking each request on its merits.

"The decision to authorise absence or not rests with the head teacher of the particular school and penalty notices are an enforcement option that are available to schools and issued on their behalf by the local authority.

"We encourage schools to work closely with parents to reduce unauthorised absences. Our aim throughout is not to punish parents but to ensure that children and young people attend school and receive a good education."

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# Chief Coroner gives backing to call for 'Hillsborough Law'

Report by **Tom Martin**

## 'Public money should be spent on helping people get to the truth'

**HOPES of introducing a 'Hillsborough Law' have been given a huge boost after a proposal of giving bereaved families equal legal funding was backed by the Chief Coroner.**

Peter Thornton, QC, sided with Labour MP Andy Burnham who is campaigning for more to be done to support families when they have to go through legal inquests.

After the momentous Hillsborough verdict in April, which ruled that the 96 Liverpool fans were unlawfully killed in the 1989 tragedy, calls have been made for a change in law.

Mr Thornton said: "There are cases where legal aid should, if possible, be made available for families, particularly where one or more organs of the state are represented."

Mr Burnham, who represents the Leigh constitency in Parliament but is originally from Aintree, has hailed Mr Thornton's comments as "heavyweight backing" for the ' Hillsborough Law' campaign.

He said: "It is wrong that the police and other public bodies

Peter Thornton, QC

are able to throw around public money like confetti hiring top QCs when bereaved families have to scratch around for whatever support they can get. Far too often, inquests are intimidating and distressing for families still raw with grief.

"Public money should be spent on helping people get to the truth, not on protecting backs in the public sector.

"Natural justice requires that Parliament should call time on this gross unfairness and require parity of funding and a level playing field for bereaved families.

"I have got great respect for the way our new Prime Minister supported the Hillsborough families, but the job is far from done. It is essential that we continue to act on all the lessons learned and make Hillsborough a moment of real change when Parliament rebalances the legal system in favour of ordinary people.

"The Hillsborough families strongly support this change in the law to spare other families the pain that they have endured at the hands of the police. Labour will call a new debate on our proposed 'Hillsborough Law' in the Lords in the autumn.

"The Chief Coroner's support for our cause has significantly strengthened it. We call on the government to respect natural justice and work with us to make this essential change."

# Dementia campaigner champions more support for carers

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

**A CAMPAIGNER who had a successful career in the music business until his mother developed vascular dementia spoke to staff at the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust about the experiences of carers of people living with dementia and what health professionals could do to understand their needs.**

**Tommy Whitelaw was guest speaker at the Dementia Awareness and Make a Pledge Event at The Harbour, the trust's mental health hospital in Blackpool, held as part of its commitment to ensure people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community.**

**Tommy called on health and social care professionals to reflect on the lived experience of people affected by dementia and identify actions they could take back and apply in their everyday practice.**

**He said: "As a full-time carer, I often felt lonely and isolated, and found accessing services difficult.**

**"Once, we reached a crisis when I didn't think I could go on any longer. I went to a local health organisation for help and was told to go home and phone an 0800 number.**

**"I was standing there, crying, holding my mum's hands, asking someone to help us, and they gave me a post-it sticker with a phone number on it. It felt like nobody was helping us."**

**The trust's Jo Blofeld with dementia campaigner Tommy White**

**Jo Blofeld, patient and carer experience lead in adult community services at the trust, said: "Tommy's story is a real, powerful one and underscores the importance and value of listening to people's lived experience of services to find ways to improve them. It is this very ethos and patient experience that we as a trust are committed to threading throughout our organisation."**


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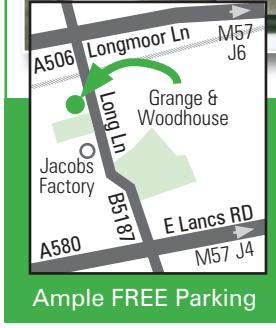


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# Douglas Music announce new season of Saturday concerts

**DOUGLAS Music, Parbold, has announced its 2016-17 season of Saturday concerts featuring concert stars from piano soloists to opera stars, instrumental ensembles to brass bands in a wide-range of musical styles.**

The concerts take place in the Arena Auditorium at Lancashire's Parbold Village Hall, and offer a rare opportunity to hear some of today's greatest musicians in an intimate setting.

The first half of the season includes two outstanding concert pianists. In October, Noriko Ogawa, a long established friend of Douglas Music, will perform an appealing programme of familiar melodies reflecting on life and love. Also, in the same week, in association with the National Autistic Society, she will present a concert for carers of autistic persons. Later, she will give a performance for local schoolchildren in Douglas Music's Pied Piper series.

In November, Spain's 'number one', young virtuoso pianist, Javier Perianes, makes his Parbold debut with a classic concert that includes popular classical works from his homeland.

The sound of brass resonates throughout this Autumn when the ever-popular Wingates Brass band presents a Disney Extravaganza for all the family.

In December, Prince Bishop's Brass, an ensemble of five from the North East, will herald in Christmas with a traditional evening of brass pieces from all ages and styles with a little audience participation.

To open the season on Saturday, September 24 at 7.45 p.m. in Parbold Village Hall, Douglas Music welcomes back Australian born guitarist, Craig Ogden, a household name to listeners of Classic FM and Radio 3 and one of the most acclaimed classical guitarists of his generation with a string of No.1 CDs to his name.

For this programme, he teams up with his opera-star wife, mezzo soprano, Claire Bradshaw. The duo has twice toured Australia and have performed in South Africa. They appear regularly at festivals in the UK. Their programme blends classical works by Henry Purcell, Franz Schubert and Joaquin Rodrigo with some of the standards of Jerome Kern and George Gershwin. Claire's operatic roles have included the title role in Carmenat the Royal Albert Hall in Raymond Gubbay's acclaimed production, which received rave reviews.

Noriko Ogawa

Douglas Music is supported by the Arts Council, England, Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council.

*editorial@champnews.com*

# Parbold Ukulele Festival being staged this weekend

**PARBOLD'S Ukulele Festival is to be staged this Saturday and Sunday August 6 and 7.**

**Parbulele will host the UK's best performers, workshops and open mic performances from a canal side stage over two days, with concerts on both Saturday and Sunday evening.**

**Set in the specially constructed Music Village, at the side of the Leeds/ Liverpool canal, Parbulele offers a main stage, food, drink, trade stands, stalls and attractions.**

**Children's Workshops are free for five to 11-year-olds and the kids will join the Massed Strum on Sunday afternoon.**

**Adult workshops will be held around the village with a beginner's workshop on Saturday and Sunday morning.**

**Intermediate and advanced workshops will be hosted by our performing artists throughout the weekend.**

**An organiser from Parbulele said "The event promises to be an unforgettable occasion in a truly beautiful location."**

***editorial@champnews.com***

# Celebrate the musical legacy of The Big O at resort's theatre

THIS year marks Roy Orbison's 80th Birthday, and to mark this special occasion Southport Theatre are presenting a new show celebrating The Big O's musical legacy this Friday (August 5) at 7.30pm.

Barry Steele takes you on a specially revamped musical journey in time from the early Sun years right through to the late 80's and he also includes a special tribute to the time Roy spent with The Traveling Wilburys, and Bono.

Add to the mix Barry Steele's friends who will be celebrating and performing the music of the stars who toured and performed with Roy.

Also for the first time in Southport, Thank ABBA For The Music is coming to the town.

They will be at Southport theatre this Saturday (August 6) at 7.30pm.

The seven-piece live band is backed throughout by interactive video projection which, at regular points, depicts key moments throughout ABBA's musical career together with clips of interviews from celebrities and music experts alike.

The show features all of ABBA's greatest and most memorable hits.

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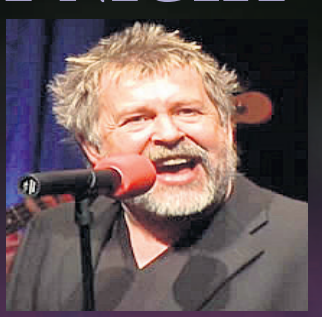

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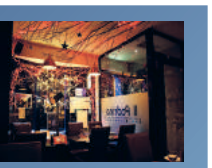

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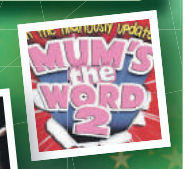


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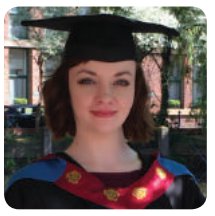
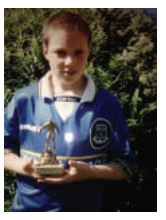


Well done Heather
We're so proud of you
Love Mum, John and Ben

## BIRTHDAYS

**MARK DOBSON**
**4th August**
**Happy 30th Birthday!**



Hope you enjoy your day. Lots of love
Lauren

xxx

**OLIVIA MAE HANLON**
**Our little Tinker is 18**
**6 August 2016**

Happy 18th Birthday. Have a great day and a fantastic time at your party .

All our love

Nanna, Grandad & Uncle Dan xxx

## PRAYERS

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

**S.H.**

## IN MEMORIAM

**CROWLEY TED**
**1st August 2015**

It has been a year since you passed,thinking of you forgetting you never,your beautiful face in our hearts forever,to give you a hug and hold you once more,is what our hearts are yearning for.So please Lord look around your garden,and find our loving Ted,put your arms around him,oh how we wish we could.
We send you lots of kisses to Heaven.
Your loving wife Joan.
XX
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All our love on your 70th Birthday Dad
Katrina, Lisa, Lee
John, Tilly XXXXX
Love and miss you so very much Gag
Jennifer, Ashleigh, Kate, Megan and Jack
XXXXX

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## DEATHS

### McCOMBE HELEN

**28th July 2016**
**Passed away peacefully in Stocks Hall Nursing Home, Burscough**
**Aged 79 years**

She will be sadly missed by her family, husband of almost 56 years Andrew, sons Ian, Michael and Stephen, their wives, and her six grandchildren. The Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 5th August 2016 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the Alzheimer's Society. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770

### CRONE WILLIAM (BILL)

**29th July 2016**
**Peacefully in hospital**
**Aged 78 years**

Beloved Husband of Marg. Sadly missed by all who knew him. The Funeral Service and Committal will take place on Thursday 11th August 2016 at 1.45pm at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the Critical Care Unit at Southport District General Hospital. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU. Tel: 01704 897770

### SHRIGLEY MARIAN

**Died 31st July 2016**
**Aged 101 years**

Passed away peacefully in Aintree Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Will be sadly missed by her Son John and Sisters Mabel and Millicent. Service and cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Monday 8th August 2016 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to cancer Research UK or the RSPCA. All enquiries to Craven's Funeral Directors, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate L31 2LZ Tel: 0151 531 7890

## DEATHS

### WHITTINGHAM ERNEST

**29th July 2016**
**Peacefully at Alma Green Care Home, Upholland formerly of Skelmersdale**
**Aged 93 years**

The dearly loved Husband of the late Doris, loving Dad of Sandra and Desna, dear Father-in-law of Ken, devoted Grandad of Roy, Jayne, Mark and Susan and Great Grandad to Gareth, Meghan, Samantha, Katie, Alice, Richard, Molly, Joel, Max and Mina. Funeral service at St Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 16th August at 10.30am. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

### HOLT FRANK

**28th July 2016**
**Aged 95 years**

Much loved Husband of the late Nellie, a really good dad to Frank, Keith and Peter, Father-In-Law to Carol, Pat and Ann, a loving Grandad to his many Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 8th August at 2:00pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

### CROOK LILIAN

**25th July 2016**
**Aged 84 years.**

Beloved Wife of Harold (deceased). Much loved Mum of John and Clive, devoted Nana to Jess and Jack. Lily will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Family flowers only but donations if desired are being gratefully received for MacMillan Cancer Support. Funeral Service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 4th August at 10.00am. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 572997

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(MOTORFEST VEHICLE PARADE EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under Section 16A of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the parade) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) A570 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) - A506 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) - Long Lane (Bickerstaffe) - Long Lane (Aughton) - B5197 Prescot Road - B5197 St Annes Road - A59 Holburn Hill - A59 County Road and vice versa.
ii) A570 Ormskirk Road (Bickerstaffe) - A570 St Helens Road - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the "Motorfest" Vehicle Parade event.

The prohibition will be operative from 1430 hours until 1700 hours on Sunday 28th August 2016, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

**AND FURTHER**, the existing one-way traffic restrictions on Moorgate, Ormskirk, will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the event.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/3751/WH]

**Schedule of Temporary Road Closures**
**Motorfest Vehicle Parade Event, Ormskirk 2016**

A570 Derby Street West; from its junction with A570 Southport Road to its junction with B5319 Burscough Street
A570 Derby Street; from its junction with B5319 Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Stanley Street
A570 Stanley Street; from its junction with A570 Derby Street to its junction with A577 Moor Street/Wigan Road
A577 Moor Street; from its junction with A577 Wigan Road to its junction with A577 St Helens Road
A577 St Helens Road; from its junction with A577 Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road
A570 Park Road; from its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with A570 Church Street
A577 Moor Street; from its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with Railway Road (0900-1700)

**Reversing Flow on existing one way Street**
**Moorgate**

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(HALL LANE, SIMONSWOOD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hall lane, Simonswood from its junction with Hursts Lane to its junction with Sefton District Boundary.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Thursday 11th August 2016 until Sunday 11th September 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Hall Lane - Shevington Lane - A506 Bank Lane - B5197 Prescott Road - A506 Cunscough Lane - Simonswood Lane and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2706/WH]

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**FREDERICK GASKELL**
**(Deceased)**

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 68 Chorley Road, Bispham, Ormskirk L40 3SL, who died on 25/11/2015, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 11/10/2016, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(MILL LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from its junction with Herons Wharf to its junction with Stonemill Rise, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 22nd August 2016 until 1530 hours on Tuesday 23rd August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Mill Lane - B5375 Miles Lane - B5375 Skull House Lane - Appley Lane North - Mill Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow for Gully cleaning and Jetting of Drain works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/3452/WH]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(NEW WAY & OUTLET LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the length of road as per the schedule below.
a. New Way, Bickerstaffe
b. Outlet Lane, Bickerstaffe
2. The prohibitions will be operative as per the schedule below or until completion of the works within this period.
a. New Way – 0900 on 05/09/2016 until 1700 on 23/09/2016
b. Outlet Lane – 0900 on 22/08/2016 until 1700 on 26/08/2016
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
a. Hursts Lane – Simonswood Lane – A506 Liverpool Road – Church Road – Hall Lane – New Way and vice versa.
b. Simonswood Lane – A506 Liverpool Road – A506 Cunscough Lane – Spurriers Lane and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/3839/WH]

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the Triathlon) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out below.
Scarth Hill Lane (Full Length) – Ruff Lane (Approx 5 metres past junction with Beech Meadow) – Whitleys Lane junction with A577 Wigan Road.
Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) Eastbound diversion – A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road – A577 Crosshall Brow – A577 Wigan Road
ii) Westbound diversion – A577 Wigan Road – A577 Crosshall Brow – A577 Wigan Road – A570 Knowsley Road
Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.
The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the West Lancashire Triathlon event.
The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours until 1200 hours on Sunday 28th August 2016, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

Michael White
Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/3786/WH]

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**West Lancashire Borough Council**
**Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15**

**APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING**
Application No: 2016/0554/FUL Conversion of office premises to 5 bedroom student HMO at 34 Derby Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/0729/FUL To replace the existing slate roof with Campo Lambao Spanish tiles at 8 Manor House Close, Rufford.
Application No: 2016/0779/FUL Erection of new detached house and landscape works following demolition of existing detached house at South Springs, St Michael Road, Aughton.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 3rd August 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT909

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**REVENUE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2017-2018**

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Have a constitution or other governing document and have a governing body whose membership reflect and contain representative proportion of people who live and work in West Lancashire

Have a bank account in the name of the organisation/group etc.
Have the necessary policies and procedures that fulfil legal requirements e.g. current financial statements, health & safety, equality opportunities, insurance, safeguarding, data protection etc.

Have a sufficient Business Plan

Applications can be obtained by:-
Contacting Sue Griffiths, Principal Member Services Officer, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk L39 2DF.
Telephone: 01695 585097 or e-mail susan.griffiths@westlancs.gov.uk
Or by visiting the Council's website – www.westlancs.gov.uk/grants

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPICATIONS: Friday 9 SEPTEMBER 2016

Kim Webber: Chief Executive Dated: 1 August 2016

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(BACK LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Back Lane, from a point outside the property known as Fyldings to a point outside Rigby's Farm.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on Monday 15th August 2016 until 1700 hours on Friday 19th August 2016 or, until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Back Lane – Hollowford Lane – Moss Bridge Lane – A5209 Course Lane Back Lane and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow urgent telecommunications maintenance works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT16/08/4181/ARH]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(BOUNDARY LANE, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank at its junction with Moss Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours until 1530 hours on Saturday 27th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Moss Lane - Station Road - Shore Road - Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/3646/WH]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(HALL LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hall lane, Bickerstaffe from its junction with Intake Lane to its junction with Ben Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Thursday 11th August 2016 until Sunday 11th September 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Ben Lane - Intake Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2705/WH]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(ROBY MILL, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Roby Mill, Upholland from its junction with School Lane to its junction with Farley Lane in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 8th August 2016 until 1600 hours on Friday 26th August 2016 or, until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Roby Mill - Bank Brow - Appley Lane South - Appley Lane North - B5375 Appley Lane North - A5209 Hall Lane - A5209 Sparrow Hill - A5209 Parbold Hill - A5209 Alder Lane - A5209 Ash Brow - Cobbs Brow Lane - Whalleys Road - Ashurst Road - A577 Stannanought Road - A577 Windmill Road - A577 Newgate Road - A577 Ormskirk Road - A577 Dingle Road - College Road - Stoney Brow and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential drainage repairs to be carried out.

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**THE DEFENDER is dead. You might have heard rumours to the contrary, but there are no billionaires plotting to put Britain's favourite 4x4 back into production. Land Rover's said no, and that's that.**

Which probably isn't a bad thing. The Defenders I see at car shows these days are custom made specials blighted with ridiculously oversized alloys, interiors lined with leather and precious metals and sound systems so powerful they can be picked up on a seismograph. Hardly the four-wheeled farmer's friend I grew up with when I used to go green laning with my dad in his Land Rover One Ten.

I suspect the rural set aren't shedding the tears you might expect because they've done what anyone does in the event of a vacuum; they've gone for the next best thing instead. When I used to get dragged around cattle auctions in Cumbria and Shropshire (don't ask) the farmers who didn't bring Defenders all had Isuzu Troopers parked outside. So it's fitting that it's this minnow of a Japanese manufacturer that's done the most convincing job yet of rustling up a Defender replacement.

The D-Max pick-up truck isn't new, so chances are the farming types will already know it's hardy enough to drag itself out of a muddy field without complaint, but Isuzu's sent it off to boot camp anyway. It's teamed up with a company called Arctic Trucks, who've insisted the D-Max watches nothing but Bear Grylls documentaries and learns how to make shelters out of twigs.

What's emerged is a proper off-roader with raised suspension and big, knobbly tyres, the latter of which can be inflated and deflated with an on-board pump. That means – and I know this is highly topical at the beginning of August – you can essentially float on top of soft snow rather than getting bogged down in it.

Admittedly having an extra six degrees of approach angle is probably a tad excessive for navigating supermarket car parks, but if you're in Cumbria or Yorkshire this winter and there's a repeat of last year's floods or a freak snowdrift you'll definitely want one of these to come to your rescue.

At £33k for the double-cab version it's not the cheapest way into a mud-plugging off-roader, but it's still £11,000 less than a Land Rover Discovery and roughly the same as a Discovery Sport. Neither of which have massively raised ride heights and on-board compressors.

It's sad the Defender's gone, but it doesn't mean it's taken hard-as-nails off-roaders with it.

*David Simister is features editor of Classic Car Weekly*

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Report by **David Simister**

BMW boffins have finally delved into their hybrid car parts bin to create two new eco-friendly versions of its 7-Series.

The 740e blends a 258bhp four-cylinder engine with an electric motor, meaning it's capable of driving 29 miles on electricity alone and of getting to 60mph in 5.4 seconds.

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11.5% APR

£79 PER MONTH

### 11 REG VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 EXCITE

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Air Conditioning
Alloy Wheels
20907 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £4496 |
| DEPOSIT | £89 |
| INTEREST | £991.80 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £238.98 |
| 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £89.98 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £238.98 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £5785.80 |

11.2% APR

£89 PER MONTH

### 13/63 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 2.0 CDTi SRi AUTO

In Grey
Air Conditioning
Alloy Wheels
28673 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £8169 |
| DEPOSIT | £163.99 |
| INTEREST | £1807.39 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £312.99 |
| 58 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £163.99 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £312.99 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £10301.39 |

10% APR

£163 PER MONTH

### 14/63 REG RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE M-NAV ENERGY DIESEL

In Black
Air Conditioning
Navigation
26764 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £8499 |
| DEPOSIT | £170 |
| INTEREST | £1874 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £319.05 |
| 58 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £170.05 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £319.05 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £10667.1 |

10% APR

£170 PER MONTH

### 13/63 REG FORD FOCUS TITANIUM NAVIGATOR HATCHBACK

In Black
Satellite Navigation
Alloy Wheels
11687 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £10299 |
| DEPOSIT | £206 |
| INTEREST | £2271.20 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £355.07 |
| 58 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £206.07 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £355.07 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £12868.20 |

9.7% APR

£206 PER MONTH

### 63 PLATE VAUXHALL ZAFIRA TOURER SRI 2.0 DIESEL

In Grey
Air Conditioning
Parking Sensors
35492 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £10896 |
| DEPOSIT | £218 |
| INTEREST | £2402.60 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £367.01 |
| 58 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £218.01 |
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| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £13596.60 |

9.7% APR

£218 PER MONTH

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65428 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £3996 |
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| INTEREST | £779.40 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £248 |
| 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £99 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £248 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £5370.40 |

9.9% APR

£99 PER MONTH

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71000 Miles

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| INTEREST | £976.75 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £238 |
| 58 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £89 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £238 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £5270.75 |

9.9% APR

£89 PER MONTH

### 14 REG SEAT IBIZA 1.2 S A/C

36417 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £5496 |
| DEPOSIT | £109 |
| INTEREST | £1077.40 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £258 |
| 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £109 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £258 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £7089.40 |

9.8% APR

£109 PER MONTH

### 59 REG FORD FIESTA 1.4 TITANIUM

26000 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £5996 |
| DEPOSIT | £119 |
| INTEREST | £1175.40 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £268 |
| 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £119 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £268 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £7588.40 |

8.9% APR

£119 PER MONTH

### 15 REG NISSAN MICRA 1.2 ACENTA

14312 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £6996 |
| DEPOSIT | £139 |
| INTEREST | £1371.40 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £288 |
| 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £139 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £288 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | £8804.40 |

8.9% APR

£139 PER MONTH

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35334 Miles

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| CASH PRICE | £9696 |
| DEPOSIT | £199 |
| INTEREST | £2136.82 |
| 1 X PAYMENT | £348 |
| 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS | £199 |
| 1 X FINAL PAYMENT | £348 |
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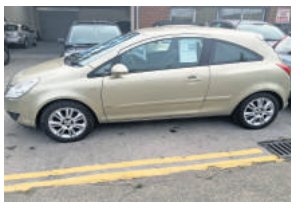

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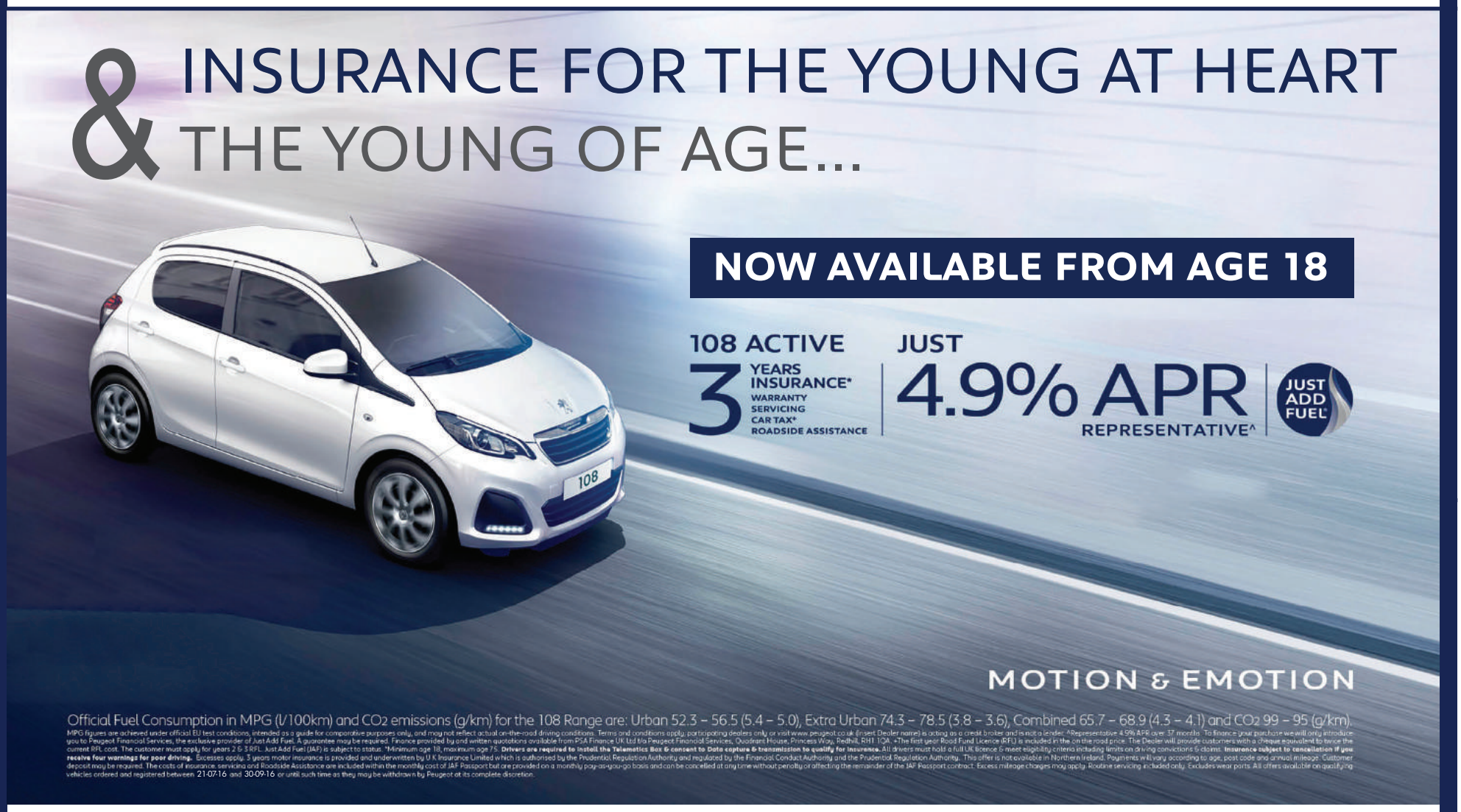


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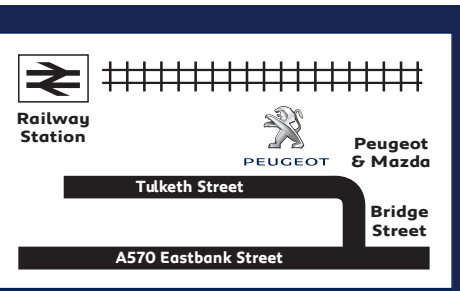

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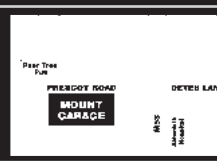


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# Burscough suffer 67-run home defeat

BURSCOUGH sit in fourth place after suffering a 67 run home defeat by Prestatyn.

The visitors were asked to bat first and thanks to Danny Williams (39), Ryan Westwell (35) and Gareth Boughey (25) put 161 up on the board. In reply, the hosts were rolled over for just 94, with skipper Brendan Domigan (44), Michael Brookwell (20) and Michael Bimpson (14) the only players to hit double figures as the rest managed just 5 runs between them as they had no real answer to Kieron New 6-33 and Sampath Perera 4-24.

Maghull were sent back to the bottom of the Liverpool Competiton First Division table after a four wicket home defeat by Sefton Park after declaring on 184-9, with Jack Wrigglesworth (58), Paul Walters (43) scoring the bulk of the runs, while Jameel Stuart took 6-20. In reply, an unbeaten 48 from Richie Forsyth, 36 from Sean Vandome and 31 not out from Richard Martin took Sefton to victory on 188-6, with Declan Devine taking 4-44.

Ainsdale replaced Wigan in top spot after a very comfortable eight wicket win at Bull Hey.

Andy Barlow's decision to put Wigan into bat was fully justified as king of the swingers Mal Swift took his wicket tally past 40 for the season with 5-22 off 18.2 overs and Marty Farrell took 3-21 as the hosts were dismissed for just 74. In reply, Barlow carried his bat to finish unbeaten on 19 and Tom Jones cracked 31 as the visitors eased to victory on 75-2.

Division One fixtures: Ainsdale v Maghull, Fleetwood Hesketh v Burscough.

# Ormskirk cruise it to National Cup semi-final

ORMSKIRK reached the last four of the Royal London Club Championship on Sunday with a convincing seven wicket win at Bamford Fieldhouse,

The hosts elected to bat and were restricted to 172-6 in their 45 overs, with Lee Dale (66) and former Lancashire skipper Warren Hegg (33) scoring over half their runs, whilst Scott Lees and Nick Caunce each took a couple of wickets.

In reply, Ian Robinson (23) and two unbeaten knocks from Josh Bohannon (85*) and skipper Matty Glayzer (38*) led Ormskirk to victory with 23 deliveries left on 173-3, they will now travel to either Chester Broughton Hall or South Northumberland in the semi final on Sunday, August 28.

Ormskirk now sit in second place in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division table after a 114 run home win over relegation threatened Rainford.

A superb century from Josh Bohannon (122 inc 14x4 & 1x6), 47 from Andy Baybutt and 43 from Ian Robinson enabled Ormskirk to declare on 250-4, with Andy Davies taking 3-50.

In reply John Dotters hit an unbeaten 55 but his efforts were all in vain as Lancashire's Simon Kerrigan 4-28 and Scott Lees 3-27 helped dismiss Rainford for 136 to seal an emphatic victory.

Northern sit on top of the table after a convincing 115 run win at struggling Birkenhead Park.

Batting first Northern declared on 220-5, thanks to Liam Grey (72), Justin Snow (35*), Stephen Cole (30) and skipper James Cole (27*).

In reply 4-38 from Ryan Maddock, 3-13 from Scott Snaylam and five victims behind the stumps from Northern's skipper helped seal victory and dismiss the hosts for 105.

Sixth placed Formby had a 27 run home win in a low scoring contest against Lytham.

The hosts were soon in trouble on 66-8 but 24 from James Seaward and 26 from tailender Ollie Sutton helped them eventually post 122, with Toby Lester 4-17 and Luke Williams 3-31 in form with the ball.

In reply Lytham opener Taylor Cornall almost took his team to victory but his 178 ball vigil ended when he was last man out for 48 as Lytham were dismissed for 95, with Gary Keedy 5-27 from 24 overs and Tym Crawford 5-42 taking all ten wickets to fall, whilst Seaward claimed five victims behind the stumps.

This weekend's local LDCC Premier Division fixtures: Northern v Wallasey, Ormskirk v Lytham.

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# Cup final celebration game was a five goal thriller

**Skelmersdale United 2**
**Enfield Town 3**

A MATCH to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 FA Amateur Cup Final lived up to its billing and was both entertaining and thrilling to the end, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Perhaps most importantly from the host's perspective it showed that Tommy Lawson has Skem very much on the right lines with the season two weeks away.

Although Skelmersdale went three goals down, the way they fought back promised plenty.

In the 19th minute Enfield struck, Nathan Livings pushed a well weighted ball behind Skelmersdale's makeshift defence and Corey Whitely rounded Martin Fearon before slotting home from an angle.

In the 32nd minute the North Londoners got their second. Ricky Gabriel slipped Niata in down the inside-left channel and he finished clinically.

Skelmersdale raised their game after that and it was a prelude of what was to come in the latter stages of the game.

Shaun Holden continued his overlap down the left and finished it with a vicious near-post shot that McDonald did well to keep out.

However, just before the interval Whitely thumped a shot against the Skelmersdale post.

Just after the restart Mahoney brought a diving save out of McDonald, but it was to be Enfield that got the crucial third goal of the game. Whitely received the ball on the left in the 61st minute, he carried it across the field before unleashing a powerful 20 yard effort into the net.

Veterans of the 1967 FA Amateur Cup Final team with the current chairman and officials

Two minutes later Ince cut into the Enfield box from the left and was the victim of a clumsy challenge.

A penalty was given and despatched by Chris Almond.

The goal gave Skelmersdale hope and the tempo of the game changed noticeably.

In the 77th minute Mahoney set off on a run from the left. He slotted the ball behind the Enfield defence and Frenchman and former Nantes player Lucas Piquet wrong footed keeper McDonald and made it 2-3 from 15 yards out.

Skem pressed and Enfield fell back as Tommy Lawson side finished strongly. However the best effort fell to Mahoney and went just wide as Enfield held out for a win they probably deserved.

Tom Ince on the ball for Skelmersdale. Pictures by John O'Driscoll.

Among the positives was the return of George Donnelly who been out since October 2015 and has undergone the surgeon's knife for a hip injury.

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# Welsh team Bala to visit on Saturday before league campaign begins

SKELMERSDALE United play their last remaining pre-season friendly on Saturday, August 6 at home to Bala Town of the Welsh Premier League, kick-off 3pm.

The club's league programme gets underway on Saturday, August 13 at home to Grantham Town (3pm), followed by a trip to Matock Town on Tuesday, August 16 (7.45pm).

On Saturday, August 20 they are away to Mickleover Sports (3pm) and on Tuesday, August 23 play host to Coalville Town (7.45pm).



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